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**August Traffic Fatality Toll**

September 16, 2016 (Lincoln, Neb.) — During the month of August 2016, twenty-four persons were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Roads.

**24**

- ◆ These 24 fatalities occurred in 22 crashes
- ◆ Ten of the 18 vehicle occupants killed were not using safety belts
- ◆ Seven fatalities occurred on the interstate, seven happened on non-interstate highways, and ten took place on local roads
- ◆ Seventeen of the fatalities occurred in rural locations
- ◆ Five of the fatalities were motorcyclists
- ◆ One of the fatalities was a pedestrian
- ◆ One of the fatalities was an ATV rider
- ◆ Twelve of the 24 fatalities were age 34 or younger

**For the Daily Count, visit this website:**

<http://www.roads.nebraska.gov/media/3340/tollcompare.pdf>

**COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS**

<b>JANUARY THRU AUGUST</b>	<b>FATALITIES</b>	<b>FATAL CRASHES</b>	<b>% CHANGE v. 2016 (FATALITIES)</b>
2016	150	132	
2015	153	139	- 2.0
2014	147	129	+ 2.0
2013	145	131	+ 3.4
2012	137	128	+ 9.5
2012-2015 Avg.	146	132	+ 2.7

- ◆ There were 18 fatalities in August of 2015
- ◆ Eighty-eight of the 124 vehicle occupants killed during 2016 were not using safety belts (71%)

This report includes information available through August 15, 2016, from the Highway Safety/Accident Records Section, Traffic Engineering Division, Nebraska Department of Roads. For additional information, contact NDOR Communication Division at (402) 479-4512.